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REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are pending. The applicants previously elected, with traverse, invention Group I and claims 1-33, drawn to a polishing pad, in a Response to Restriction Requirement. The Restriction Requirement was issued on November 14, 2005 and the Response was filed on December 6, 2005. Applicants made no amendments to claims in the Response, as they respectfully requested the withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

It is the applicants understanding that a listing of claims is only mandatory when amendments to the claims have been made. However, applicants herein are including a listing of claims with status identifiers as an aid to the Examiner and to facilitate the prosecution of the present application.

Applicants remain hopeful of the withdrawal of the restriction requirement, such that all of the subject matter encompassed by the pending claims is considered at the same time.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent.

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